NJCFS/MACS-E NEWSLETTER

INFORMATION FOR THE USERS OF THE NJCFS/MACS-E SYSTEM

MACS-E NEWS

USER GROUP
The most recent MACS-E User Group Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 11, 1995 in the Bid Room at 33 West State Street. A few items discussed:

NOA's ON INFOBANK
Coming your way will be the ability to view Notice of Award's (NOA's) through INFOBANK. Currently, the NOA's are in test while they are being loaded to ensure everything translates properly. It is expected that you'll have access to them very shortly.

AGENCY REPORTS
A survey has been sent to all agencies regarding the receipt of MACS-E reports at your location. Currently, the reports print at the Purchase Bureau where they are then broken down and distributed/mailed. Having the reports print at your printer should save a good deal of time and effort.

REVISED SCREEN
The OWAV (Order Waiver) screen has been modified and now contains the Status Code, Amount of Order and Balance of Order, in addition to the other fields it previously contained.

COMING UP
Screen enhancements are in the works for adding the FY field on the OPAY (Order Payment) screen, and the Status Code and Order Status on the OION (Order Invoice) screen.

The next MACS-E User Group Meeting will be held on March 22, 1995 and we look forward to it and SPRING!

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WELCOME
The New Jersey Comprehensive Financial System welcomes its new users. In conjunction with the State takeover of the county courts, the courts are now part of the State's financial system. Vicinage staff received five-day training on the primary modules. With the help of Richard Gallo and his expert staff, we were able to provide the vicinages with the tools they need to operate within the system.
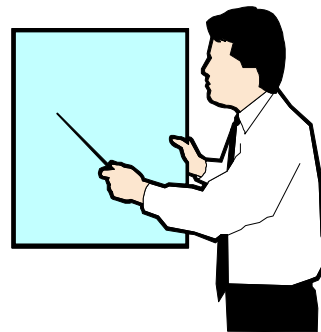
TRAINING UPDATE
OMB staff has been in contact with each department to assess training needs. All training will now be conducted in-house at 33 West State Street, Trenton. A full-scale state-wide training effort began this month and will continue throughout the year.

The Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Personnel and the Department of Banking received Travel Module training on January 20, 1995. These two departments join the

Departments of Treasury and Education as users of the Travel Subsystem.

New Tables
In case you haven't noticed, FLXB and FLXG have been made more user friendly. FLXB now has the TRANS DATE before the document number. FLXG has been modified to have the TRANS CODE and DATE before the document number. We hope that you have found these two tables easier to scan in their new format. NOTE: Both tables start with the most current date and work back, with twelve months' activity maintained at a time.

ORDER MODIFICATIONS
When attempting to modify (document action equal to M) informational fields on Accounting Bureau Orders (AO's) or Grant/Loan Orders (GO's) that reference purged Accounting Bureau Requisitions (RA's), the error message A432E-REF RQ DOC NOT FOUND will appear. To resolve this error, leave the REF TRANS fields blank and code a D in the increase/decrease indicator of the AO or GO transaction.

DISCOUNTS ON FEDERAL GRANTS
OMB is making the appropriate adjustments to the FED AID AMOUNT fields within the Grant Module to reflect the proper posting of discounts. Discounts that were processed prior to October 6, 1994 have been adjusted. No agency action is required for these adjustments. Any questions should be directed to Bill Maughan at 609-292-5004.

Questions and Answers
Q. What is the normal schedule for NJCFS/MACS-E?

A. NJCFS/MACS-E is available from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday.

Q. What about weekends and holidays?

A. As a general rule, NJCFS/MACS-E is not available on weekends and holidays. However, during June and July, OMB may make the system available on Saturdays to give agencies additional time to process transactions.

Q. If there is a change to the basic schedule, how is the user community notified?

A. The message board on the Start-up Screen will contain any changes to the schedule. OMB will try to provide several days' notice on any changes.

Q. Why can't the system be available every Saturday?

A. OMB needs Saturdays and Sundays to run month-end and accounting period close jobs. There are other "special jobs" for OMB that must be run each month.